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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) El Dorado – Student Arrested After Alleged Threats against Staff Member**

(U) An El Dorado County high school student has been arrested after allegedly making threats against a staff member at Union Mind High School. The student, a juvenile who has not been named, was arrested yesterday on suspicion of making criminal threats and booked into El Dorado County Juvenile Hall, according to a Sheriff's Office news release. The high school is in the community of El Dorado, south of Placerville.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Granada Hills – Parents Charged after Guns Found in Homes of Students behind Alleged Threats

(U) Students at two San Fernando Valley high schools who in separate incidents allegedly threatened to shoot their classmates were arrested in recent weeks, authorities said yesterday, resulting in searches of homes that turned up multiple weapons and dozens of rounds of ammunition. Investigators with the Los Angeles School Police Department said they found five guns in total in the two homes they searched. In each, the weapons and ammunition were stored in unsafe locations. The discoveries led the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office to charge two of the students' fathers over the unlocked guns. Since the Parkland shooting on 14 February, LASPD has received notification of hundreds of threats, according to Officer Sandy Romero—235 criminal threat calls in all with 21 arrests across schools within the Los Angeles Unified School District boundaries as of 28 February.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Los Angeles Daily News](#)

(U) Vacaville – Solano Community College Campuses Deemed Safe after Search For Possible Bombs

(U) Solano Community College campuses have been cleared by law enforcement officers after bomb threats prompted evacuations and cancellation of classes yesterday. The Solano County Sheriff's Office announced about 5:15 pm that it had completed searches of the college's Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo campuses, using K9 teams, and determined that all were safe. College administrators ordered the campuses evacuated as a precaution after receiving two anonymous phone calls indicating bombs had been placed on the campuses.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Texas – Package Explosions Leave Teen Dead, Women Hurt after Three Blasts in Two Weeks**

(U) Austin – A teenager was killed and at least two women were seriously hurt after a pair of explosions detonated in Austin yesterday—just two weeks after a separate blast which authorities said is believed to be linked to both of yesterday's incidents. Authorities don't believe the packages came from a delivery through the US Postal Service or private mail carriers, and the placement on the home's front doorstep also indicated a similarity to the blast earlier this month. Federal law enforcement officials said

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the packages are made to look like mail, but at least the first one did not actually get shipped from the postal service. There is no known motive at this time, but the Austin Police Department reported the blasts took place at homes of African-American and Hispanic residents so authorities "cannot rule out that hate crime is at the core of this."

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [FOX News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Germany on Alert for Possible Attacks on Turkish Sites**

(U) Berlin – German security agencies are on alert for signs of violence against Turkish facilities in Berlin, Stuttgart and other cities, the Interior Ministry said, after fires damaged several Turkish-run mosques over the weekend. Firefighters battled for over 90 minutes to extinguish a blaze at the Koca Sinan mosque in Berlin early on Sunday. It was the latest in a series of incidents police say may be linked to demonstrations by hundreds of people against Turkey's military operation in the northern Syrian region of Afrin aimed at sweeping the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia from the Turkish border.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Japan – Japan to Urge G20 for Steps to Prevent Cryptocurrency Use for Money Laundering

(U) Tokyo – Japan will urge its G20 counterparts at a meeting next week to beef up efforts to prevent cryptocurrencies from being used for money laundering, a government official with direct knowledge of the matter said. Japan was the first country to adopt a national system to oversee cryptocurrency trading, although it carried out checks on several exchanges this year after the theft of \$530 million from one exchange, Coincheck Inc. France and Germany have said they will make joint proposals to regulate the bitcoin cryptocurrency market. A head of the European Union's watchdog said a short-term strategy could be to focus on applying anti-money laundering and terrorist financing rules, warning consumers of the risk of trading in cryptocurrencies and preventing banks from holding them.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Arrest Drug Gang Suspect in Case of 43 Murdered Students

(U) Mexico City – Mexico said yesterday it had arrested a suspected drug gang member regarded as key figure in the kidnapping and massacre of 43 student teachers 3 1/2 years ago. The attorney general's office said it had arrested Erick N, "a probable member of a criminal organization" operating in the violent southwestern state of Guerrero. An initial investigation had found that the victims were abducted by corrupt police who handed them over to members of a local drug cartel, who then killed them, incinerated their bodies at a trash dump and threw the ashes into a river.

SOURCE: 12 March 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Yemen – Seven Killed in Military Kitchen Bomb Attack

(U) Aden – Seven people were killed in Yemen's port city of Aden today when a car bomb ripped through a military kitchen used by Yemeni forces trained and backed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE), medics said. Witnesses said the blast was caused by a car laden with explosives, apparently driven by a suicide bomber towards the kitchen in al-Derain area in northern Aden. The force of the blast damaged stores and cars nearby. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, the second of its kind targeting security forces in the city, where UAE forces from the Saudi-led coalition that has been operating in Yemen since 2015 hold sway.

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